

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 148

By Sparks

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Rotary Club of Smyrna upon the occasion of its fortieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should recognize those exemplary organizations and their remarkable members who, through their unwavering commitment to excellence, are a credit to this State; and

WHEREAS, one such notable organization is the Rotary Club of Smyrna, a member of Rotary International, which is a world-wide service organization with over 33,000 clubs and 1,220,000 members who provide humanitarian services, encourage high ethical standards in all businesses and professions, and help build goodwill and peace in the world; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Smyrna is recognized as outstanding in Tennessee in providing community service in its area, and its membership fully embodies the Rotarian motto of "Service Above Self"; and

WHEREAS, this year, the Rotary Club of Smyrna is celebrating the fortieth anniversary of its charter, which was organized by thirty-seven local businesses and professional men on March 22, 1971, at which time the club was known as the Smyrna Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, on June 20, 1974, the club was re-chartered as the Smyrna-LaVergne Rotary Club and, on August 1, 1991, it was re-chartered once more as the Rotary Club of Smyrna, the name by which it is known today; and

WHEREAS, since its founding, the club has supported community and vocational services that are designed to improve the community at large by providing educational opportunities and further understanding, peace, and goodwill; and

WHEREAS, the members of the club have graciously donated their time and energies to several noteworthy causes, including establishing the Smyrna Rotary Soccer Fields in 1984, funding the erection of the Rotary Pavillion and first playground equipment at the Lee Victory Park in 2000, purchasing a van for the Smyrna-LaVergne Food Bank in 2002, erecting an awning at the entrance of the Senior Citizens Center, and hosting the Tennessee Aviation Days air shows; and

WHEREAS, the club members also support local literacy programs, including Books from Birth, Read to Succeed, Smyrna Library Reading Rally, and Reading in the Schools; they serve as the Parent Teacher Association for Smyrna West Alternative School and have made numerous contributions to organizations such as the American Red Cross, Meals on Wheels, Sam Davis Home, and the Boys and Girls Club, and they provide annual scholarships to select high school seniors and one local nursing student at Motlow College; and

WHEREAS, as the Rotary Club of Smyrna celebrates its rich history of forty years of public service, it is appropriate to honor the many club members, both past and present, who have volunteered their time, talent, and resources in order to serve their community and fellow man; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Smyrna is most assuredly worthy of this General Assembly's recognition and approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the members, both past and present, of the Rotary Club of Smyrna for their tireless dedication to public service, congratulate them on the celebration of the club's fortieth anniversary, and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.